

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2007

Welcome and Silent Preparation

The Rev. Per Almquist

A Word About Worship and this time of Preparation: We have the incredible privilege of coming into the presence of the living God. Please take a few moments now to silently prepare your heart. As others around you are in prayer and contemplation, please consider their need for quiet.

*A Note to Parents: There is a **nursery** available at your discretion throughout the service. Please ask one of the greeters if you need help finding your way. There is also a class called **Kids’ Quest** for children (3 and up) during the sermon. Children are welcome to come forward during communion to be prayed for by the pastor, but should not partake of communion until they have professed their faith publicly and been approved by the session.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE REDEEMER

Prelude

***Call to Worship** based on Acts 2, Romans 5, and Psalm 105 Rev. Almquist

Minister: God declares, “I will pour out my spirit on all people...and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

All: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.

Minister: And hope does not put us to shame because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, and speak of all His marvelous works.

***Song of Exultation** (441) “Jesus Shall Reign” *DUKE STREET*

Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by praying together*): Mr. Jim Mansfield

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

REPENTING TOGETHER BY GOD’S GRACE

Song of Preparation (261) “What Wondrous Love Is This” *Southern Harmony*

Scriptural Call to Repentance based on John 3 and 16 Rev. Almquist

Jesus said, “truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. And the Spirit convicts the world of their sin and of God’s righteousness.”

Corporate Confession¹ Rev. Almquist

Forgive me, Lord Jesus, for the things I have done that make me feel uncomfortable in Your presence. All the front that I polish so carefully for men to see, does not deceive You. For You know every thought that has left its shadow on my memory. You have marked every motive that curdled something sweet in me.

I acknowledge, with sorrow and true repentance, that I have desired that which I should not have; I have toyed with what I knew was not for me; I have been preoccupied with self-interest; I have invited unclean thoughts into my mind and

entertained them as honored guests; my ears have often been deaf to Your whisper; my eyes have often been blind to the signs of Your guidance. Make my heart warm and soft, that I may receive and accept the blessing of Your forgiveness, the benediction of Your “depart in peace...and sin no more.”

Silent Reflection/Confession *Please take a few moments to pray privately*

Proclamation of Forgiveness Romans 8:1-2 Rev. Almquist

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Song of Renewal (353) “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” *Williams*

***The Peace of God** *This is an opportunity to extend the grace of Christ to one another.*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Prayers for Christ’s Church and the World Mr. Jim Mansfield

Greeting and Announcements Miss Margaret Pearson

Children ages 3-9 are excused to **Kids’ Quest** at this time.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

***Scripture Reading** (insert) Acts 2:37-47 Mr. Nathan Pillsbury

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon “What Shall We Do?”: Responding to the Message Rev. Almquist
The Essence of the Church-A Study of Acts

The Offertory

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed²

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning Jesus?

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic³ and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** Sanctus** Isaiah 6:3 *Prince*⁴
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (*sing 2x*)
The whole earth is full of His Glory (*sing 3x*)
Holy is the Lord

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Word About Communion: This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed as they eat bread and drink wine. All those who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and are at peace with their fellow Christians are welcome to come forward. For those not taking communion, we invite you to consider the prayers found below.

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to God,

People: Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Minister: For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters;

People: And you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: In fulfillment of Christ’s promise,
People: You poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples and filled Your church with power.

Minister: Thank God for sending His Spirit to us today, to kindle faith and lead us in all truth,

People: Working in the church to make us faithful disciples and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation.

Words of Institution & Invitation

Please listen carefully to the minister’s explanation of communion.

All those who are prepared to come to the Lord’s table can come forward. If you are not yet prepared to come, with all the responsibilities that entails, this is a loving environment within which to consider your estate before a holy and merciful God. Please use the prayers below as an aid. Both wine and grape juice are available (juice is in the outer circle of the trays).

***Communion Song** “Come Just As You Are” *Sabolick*⁵

Come just as you are. Life everlasting.
Hear the Spirit call. And strength for today.
Come just as you are. Taste the Living Water,
Come and see, come receive, And never thirst again.
Come and live forever. *Repeat*

Come just as you are.
Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come receive, Christ the King,
Come and live forevermore

***Concluding Prayer** Rev. Almquist

COMMISSIONING FOR SERVICE

***The Benediction** Second Corinthians 13:14 Rev. Almquist

Minister: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

³ The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

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*** Please stand, if you are able. Thank you.**

¹ This prayer of confession was written by Peter Marshall.

² The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Reflections

Spirituality is a slippery term but the phenomenon itself is not new. Christian spirituality is nothing other than life in Christ by the presence and power of the Spirit: being conformed to the person of Christ, and being united in communion with God and with others. Spirituality is not an aspect of the Christian life; it is the Christian life.

— Michael Downey
in *America*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

*If you would like to use this time to speak silently to God,
we hope that the prayers below will be a help to you.*

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the Life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to
Worship Christ in Community,
As We Celebrate and Extend His Grace
to Portland, New England, and the world.**

Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

Musicians: Cynthia Setchell and Evan Pillsbury, vocalists; Peter Dugas accompanist.
Serving Communion: Per Almquist and Jim Mansfield.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Highlights.....January 21, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today!

Please stay for refreshments after the service and get better acquainted with one another.

Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday. If you would like to take a Baby bottle bank and save money to donate to ABBA-a women's resource center, they are available in the back.

Feb. 11th Meeting Place

On Sunday, February 11, 2007 we will meeting at **Lyseth Elementary School** for the worship service. There will be no Sunday School that morning. Directions will be available on the web site (<http://www.MainePCA.org>) and at church on February 4th.

Super Bowl Prayer

The next prayer meeting for the daughter church in Lewiston will be on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Come at **5:00 PM** to pray for the daughter church and then stay for the Super Bowl on the Tedder's legendary big screen. Please see Per or Beth Almquist for details and to let them know you will be there.

The Truth Project

The Truth Project Sunday School class is being held both at 9:15 am **and** at 8:15 am, for those who want to see this presentation but are not available during the regular Sunday School hour. This is a one hour video lesson which runs for 13 weeks. It is taught by Dr. Del Tackett. It is training on how to understand the truth claims of the Bible over/against the claims of the popular culture. It features R. C. Sproul, Ravi Zacharias and Os Guinness. The class meets on the 3rd floor of the school building. An elevator is available.

Dates to Remember

CTR Prayer Meetings
Session Meetings (*monthly*)
Root Cellar Dinner
Church Retreat

Fridays at **6:30 am**
First and Third Tuesday nights 6:00-9:00
March 15, 2007
September 21 & 22, 2007

SERVICE AND OFFERINGS

	This Week	Next Week
Set Up	Perkins	Pillsbury
Food	Team	Team
Usher		
Nursery	Gwen Tedder & Joan Perkins	Margaret Pearson & _____
Kid's Q	Steve & Katya Harmon	Kathryn Pillsbury & _____
Sound	Jordan Stewart	Jordan Stewart
Prayer	Jim Mansfield	Dick Kurtz

Finances: Last week our collection was \$4,048.00. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord.

MINISTRY STAFF

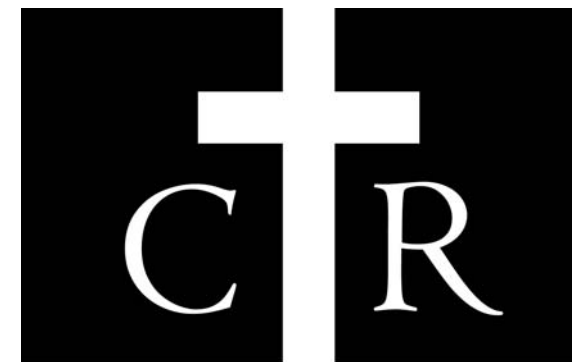
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Sunday School for all ages at 9:15



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

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